

CHANCE IS SLIGHT FOR LONGER DAY

Cabinet Members Do Not Believe Early Action Will Be Taken on Proposed Plan.

Government clerks are not likely to be called upon to put in a full eight-hour workday in the immediate future. A canvass of a number of Cabinet members by The Times today indicates that positive action is to be taken on the proposal at present.

Several of President Wilson's advisers said that they saw no prospect of immediate action, but in general they were not disposed to commit themselves if the issue is drawn.

Secretary of Commerce Redfield epitomized the general sentiment among a majority of the Cabinet members, when he said: "The issue has not yet been drawn upon this proposal, and I do not anticipate decisive action, or further consideration of the subject at this time. Consequently I do not care to discuss it." Mr. Redfield would not commit himself on a hypothetical question as to whether he would favor or oppose the move if the issue is drawn.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo is out of town today. Before leaving, he said: "I have not given full consideration to the question, and do not wish to discuss it now."

Secretary of the Interior Lane said: "Longer hours is not yet an issue for immediate decision. I do not anticipate consideration of it."

Secretary of the Navy Daniels indicated his position with respect to longer hours by a humorous quip. He said that he would not relish an earlier hour, and did not believe in having the clock run before their chief was at his desk.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston declined discussion of the question, and did not wish to be quoted.

Secretary of Labor Wilson, also did not wish to be quoted on the question. He said he was not at liberty to do so.

Government Clerks Write to The Times Regarding New Rule

What the thousands of Government clerks of Washington, and their friends think of the suggested change in the hours of Federal employees in Washington, is told in the flood of letters coming into The Times since the proposal first became public. The reasons for their opposition to an increase in the number of daily working hours, as shown in the letters, these should they be placed in the hands of the Cabinet officers who are expected to make the decision, are expected to do much toward showing the officials the unfairness of such a proposition.

Suggests System of Reform.

Your paper has rendered valuable assistance to the cause of the Government clerk in times past when various matters affecting his welfare have been under discussion. It is a pleasure to me that there never was a time when you could give space to anything which would be of more value to the clerk than the proposed extension of the working hours of Government employees.

Are the President and his Cabinet, after only one month of experience in the positions they hold, to be allowed to extend the working hours of Government employees merely in order to be able to stand before the country as having accomplished a reform in the cause of efficiency, and without any regard whatever to the burden to be placed upon the clerk by the proposed extension of the hours of labor.

If the President and his Cabinet have the efficiency of the civil service really at heart and are not simply playing for the gallery and attempting to boost their own political stock, they can accomplish far more by pushing a pension system of whatever kind, and by a reclassification of the service which will give adequate salaries to employees who deserve them, and take away from inefficient and supannuated employees compensation to which they are no longer entitled, than by the proposed extension of the hours of labor.

Under the conditions already existing, one of the very few things in the civil service which attracts an employee to other lines is the fact that he need not labor as long for the Government as for a private corporation. It is extremely hard to get efficient and capable employees to enter the service now and the extension of time would render it far more difficult.

The only justifiable reason for such an extension would be that it would increase the efficiency of the service. It is generally admitted that the Government employee is not paid as well as General Cockey once said on a memorable occasion: "We want more work and more pay." You extend the hours, why not increase the salary accordingly?

Let us have less of this picaresque politics and more real consideration of something worth while. Very respectfully, LEROY E. KEELEY.

Means Tax on Salary.

To the Editor of THE TIMES: The writer wishes to direct your attention to one aspect of the proposed increase in the hours of labor of the civil service employees that, so far as he knows, has never been presented in argument.

Consider, for example, a man with an income of \$1,200. His hourly wage is about 30 cents. One hour additional per day for one year will be equivalent to \$100. That is, this man will pay a tax amounting to 12 1/2 per cent of his income.

That this, in the light of the recently enacted income tax schedule, is an exorbitant tax will be evident to anyone who will give the matter even casual thought. The writer, therefore, respectfully urges, as far as he may be permitted to do, that your paper present this point of view to the public, in order that the consideration of this question may be upon the broadest possible foundation. FEDERAL EMPLOYEE.

Gompers in Hospital With Ear Affection

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is at the Episcopal Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital today, suffering from an ear trouble which, it is feared, will become serious.

It has not yet been determined whether an operation will be necessary. Mr. Gompers has suffered from the ailment for some months. He was taken to the hospital last night. His condition this morning was reported unchanged.

ODD FELLOWS TO HAVE RECEPTION

Virginia Grand Master Will Visit Alexandria Lodge Next Week for Inspection Purposes—Policeman Suspended for Disobeying Chief's Orders.

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ALEXANDRIA, VA., APRIL 12. Plans for an elaborate entertainment in honor of A. M. Southall, of Amherst county, grand master of Odd Fellows of Virginia, on the occasion of his annual visit and inspection of the lodges of Alexandria and surrounding counties, were made at a meeting of the joint committee composed of representatives of Potomac, Serepta, and Falls Church lodges, held last night.

The grand master will reach Alexandria at 7:30 p. m. next Wednesday night. He will be met at the union station by the joint committee and escorted by Alexandria Canton in uniform, under command of Capt. W. L. Martin, and the Alexandria Musical Association.

The Odd Fellows hall, on North Columbus street, will be the scene of a joint session of the three lodges which will be given, in addition to the lodges already mentioned, members of the Odd Fellows lodges from Lorton, Dumfries, Accotink, and Occoquan will be present.

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In the circuit court in vacation, today, Louis Rosenblat qualified as administrator of the estate of Lula Rosenblat, deceased.

Miss Phyllis, Order of the Eastern Star, was instituted last night in Falls Church by Grand Worthy Patron Taylor, of Roanoke, assisted by the officers of the Alexandria Chapter, No. 42, of this city. The new lodge starts off with a membership of forty-eight. The

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following officers were installed Mrs. A. H. Barber, worthy matron; Melville E. Church, worthy patron; Mrs. Garrettson, assistant worthy matron; Mrs. Kate Cartell, worthy treasurer. The visitors were entertained at a banquet at the close of the installation.

The school trustees of Alexandria county have informed W. T. Hodges, superintendent of schools, for reappointment.

A meeting of the committees appointed by the local and fraternal organizations to urge the erection of a new high school building, was held last night in the rooms of the Alexandria Trades Council. The question was discussed by the following members: R. M. Prettyman, J. W. Collins, C. E. Remington, G. K. Bender, C. A. Bladen, W. R. Studds, G. N. Cradlin, O. H. Daniels, and E. H. Wright.

It was announced by Chairman Colvin that arrangements had been made for the committees to appear before the joint committee of schools and finance of city council next Thursday night to express their views on the need of a new building.

John Hamilton was fined \$50 in police court today for entering the room of Blanche Hamilton, on North Lee street and destroying property belonging to the woman. The accused claimed that he had purchased the goods which were destroyed and that the woman refused to return them.

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Packs Will Be Displayed in Ring at Dog Show Now on at the Arcade.

Foxhounds will hold the center of the stage at the dog show today. The packs will be displayed in the ring by a master of the foxhounds in costume. At 4 o'clock, "unclassified specials," all prize dogs of all classes, will be judged, and this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, all blue blood in dogdom, champions of all kinds, will be displayed in parade and be awarded medals.

The third day of the annual dog show of the Washington Kennel Club is proving even more successful than the others. The arrival yesterday of a number of notable dog fanciers, including Ethel Loraine Belmont, has attracted popular attention to the big show and the hall of the Arcade, Fourteenth street, near Park road, has become the mecca of thousands of dog lovers.

The escape yesterday afternoon of a huge blue blood, who challenged a rival at the other end of the row of fierce looking blue bloods, caused a nasty stampede of the spectators. Women screamed, managers of the show rushed to the place and trouble was imminent. When a modestly dressed young woman appeared, spoke quietly to the belligerents, took away her own pet, and left the woman. The accused claimed that he had purchased the goods which were destroyed and that the woman refused to return them.

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HIGH CLASS HORSES FOR FT. MYER SHOW

Local Horsewomen Will Vie With Army Riders for Honors in Unique Steeplechase.

A unique steeplechase, in which most of the leading horsewomen of Washington and vicinity will vie with army officers and gentlemen riders for honors, is planned as a special feature of the third annual military horse show to be held at Fort Myer, April 27, 28 and 29.

Most of the blue ribbon winners of the army will be entered together with the best horse blood owned by local horsemen and horsewomen. Plans are being perfected for a special track for the race. This track is to be over about a mile and a half of ground within the fort grounds. Many jumps will mark the course. The riders will start with a guide who will lead them to the end of the course and then start them on the race back.

This race and the high jumping contests will be the principal thrills of the show. It is probable that many owners and riders from Warrenton and the "horse country" of Virginia, who contend pite coming to Washington to show and ride in the National Capital Horse show, will take advantage of the fact that the Fort Myer exhibition is only a few days ahead of the other show and attend the military affair first with numerous high class horses.

Washington will be the mecca of hundreds of horsemen between April 27 and May 6, more than a week of exhibitions being scheduled to take place in that period. Already army horsemen from distant posts are arriving in town for the military show.

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